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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

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In conformance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(c)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

Statement of Relevancy

The Japanese reference was cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed. WO 89/03112 is equivalent to JP-1-503262.

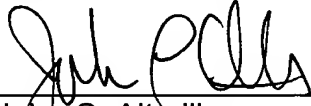
Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1)

The undersigned attorney hereby states that the Japanese reference contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any

communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. The PCT equivalent was not cited in any communication, but is being submitted for its English text only.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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